Financial Assistance to Tobacco Growers' Unions

668. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will extend any financial assistance to tobacco growers unions in backward areas;

(b) whether it is a fact that such assistance will help farmers; and

(c) the measures proposed to involve growers' associations in better 'lab-to-land' transfers to latest knowledge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Tobacco Board, which provide assistance to tobacco growers do not have any proposal, so far for extending financial assistance to tobacco growers' union/ associations in backward areas.

(c) The latest research findings of Central Tobacco Research Institute of Indian Council of Agriculture Research are being disseminated to tobacco growers through farmer's training and on farm trials.

Chromite Mines in Orissa

669. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number chromite mines in Orissa;

(b) the number of mines out of them which have been leased out to private parties and since when;

(c) the total hectares of chromite deposited areas in those mines and the name of persons running those mines;

(d) the total number of people approximately in those areas who have been given employment in those chromite mines; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) As per the information furnished by the State Government there are 19 (nineteen) chromite mines in Orissa. Out of these 9 (nine) mines have been granted to private parties. Approximately 5626 number of persons have been given employment in these private mines. Other details are given in the table below:—

S. No.	Lessee	Area in Hects.	Location	Date of grant of lease	Persons employed
1.	M/s. M.L. Mines (P) Ltd.	259.000	Sarusbil	15.5.1954	166
2.	M/s. TISCO	1261.476	Sukinda	12.1.1953	922
3.	M/s. FACCR	72.843	Ostapal	13.8.1985	252
4.	M/s. B.C. Mohanty & Sons (P) Ltd.	107.240	Kamarda	22.2.1968	86
5.	M/s. IMFA	26.620	Chinguapal	25.2.1986	Not working
6.	M/s. M. Aikath	50.650	Ostapal	Not executed	Not working
7.	M/s. FACCR	184.030	Baula	10.2.1972	2874
8.	M/s. IMFA	40.468	Nuasahi	8.5.1991	1110
9.	M/s. FACCR	113.312	Kathapal	7.10.1972	186